

Board Work Session Minutes March 5, 2025

WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
1970C Easton Turnpike
LAKE ARIEL, PA 18436

The work session of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on March 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 in preparation for the March 5, 2025 board meeting to be held immediately following the work session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the March 1, 2025 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Mr. Gershey announced that the Board of Education met in an executive session prior to this meeting for personnel matters.

Board members present are as follows:

Board President - William Gershey
Board Treasurer – Dana DeSiato
Board Member – Angela Booths
Board Member – James Collins
Board Member – Christina Hinz
Board Member – Kerin Weinberger
Board Member – Ethan Wood

Board Vice President – Joseph Gombita and Board Member - Michael Ochlan were excused.

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was excused.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, Matthew Barr, Assistant MS Principal, Robert Black, Assistant HS Principal, Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D., Dir. of Special Education, Kerrie Fitzsimmons, EverGreen Assistant Principal, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director, Maria Liptak, Food Service Director, Casey Newcomer, Middle School Principal, Justin Pidgeon, EverGreen Principal, Brian Seaman, Technology Director, Katie Shemanski, Psy.D. Supervisor of Pupil Personnel and Elizabeth Watson, Robert D. Wilson Principal.

Rose Emmett, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Elizabeth Gregory, Early Intervention Supervisor, and Paul Gregorski, High School Principal were excused.

Student Recognition:

Mr. Newcomer spoke about the Middle School Aavidum Club led by Mrs. Barna. They introduced several students who are participating in the club. Mrs. Barna spoke about upcoming projects the club would like to do.

Mr. Jakes gave an update on winter sports.

The HS Principal's List Students for the 2nd Marking Period were recognized at the Work Session:

9 th Grade	Christopher Pane and Olivia Moyer
10 th Grade	Makenzie Chearney and Audrey McHugh
11 th Grade	Paul Borowski and Grace Moser
12 th Grade	Lisa Hartman and David Elias III

Mr. Gershey congratulated all the students for their hard work and dedication to the district.

Public Recognition:

There were several members of the public who still have concerns regarding the changes to CAT Pack games. Dr. LaRosa briefly addressed questions.

Dr. LaRosa gave a presentation on our upcoming trainings for staff on structured literacy.

Mr. Seaman spoke about the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). He is actively seeking grants and additional E-rate funding to assist the district in maintaining a safe and efficient digital environment for our students and staff.

Dr. Barrett reviewed the agenda for the Board Meeting. It was noted that our enrollment dropped 13 students last month.

The work session concluded at 6:50 PM. At this time, the Board of Education started the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

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